

REMARKS

The indication by the Examiner that claims 4-6, 8, 9 and 11-14 contain allowable subject matter is gratefully acknowledged.

In response to the objection to claim 1, "a" has been changed to "an" in line 8 of claim 1.

In response to the objection to the drawings, it is pointed out that the glazing profile 15 is shown in Fig. 1 and Fig. 2, and that even certain parts of the element 15, specifically, the inwards protruding glazing profile 15a and upright flange wall 15b, are also shown. One having ordinary skill in the art would understand and be able to reproduce such a structure. Furthermore, 37 CFR 1.83(a) does not specify the clarity or detail that must be a part of a showing of every feature specified in the claims. Claim elements are even sometimes shown only schematically. Accordingly, it is submitted that the drawings satisfy the requirements of 37 CFR 1.83(a).

In rejecting claims 1-14 under 35 USC 112, the Examiner indicates that the cap member does not appear in the figures or disclosures to be "dismountably retained solely by the upper cap." However, the applicants point out that claim 1 did not call for the cap member to be dismountably retained solely by the upper cap. Instead, it called for the cap member to be dismountably retained at its upper end solely by the upper cap. Thus, the language actually recited allowed portions of the cap member other than its upper end to be retained by means other than the upper cap. Thus, the subject recitation of claim 1 was as is shown in the drawings

and described in the specification. By the present Amendment, claim 1 has been amended to call for the top end of the cap member to be dismountably retained solely by the upper covering cap.

The Examiner also indicates that claim 1 calls for the cap member 32 to be formed with the engagement means 25, 26. In fact, claim 1 called for the cap member 20, 21 to be integrally formed with the engagement means 25, 26. More specifically, claim 1 recited "the cap member (20) is dismountably retained... and is integrally formed at its lower end with a bent, hidden engagement means (25, 26)...". Element 32 is recited in claim 1 as an "upper covering cap". By the present Amendment, "cap member" has been changed to "cap structure", and the numeral "21" has been inserted after "cap structure" in line 14 of claim 1. The numeral "21" was already present after "20" in line 13 of claim 1.

In response to the rejection under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by Swedish Patent No. 374578 and in view of the clarification herein of the structure called for by claim 1, it is pointed out that the reference does not disclose the top end of the cap structure, which extends between the top and bottom members (1, 2; 5, 6), being dismountably retained solely by an upper covering cap.

In the Examiner's discussion of the reference, she refers to a marked attachment of Fig. 8, whereas actually Fig. 6 was attached. Nevertheless, the Examiner's understanding that the cap member 14,15 of the reference has a bent hidden engagement means appears to be based on a misconception. The cap member 14 and 15 of the reference could be said to correspond to the lower cap member of the present invention. The bent hidden engagement means referred to by


the Examiner is clearly provided at the upper end of this cap member, whereas claim 1 requires the bent hidden engagement means to be provided at the lower end. The cap member of the reference is secured by a screw at its lower end. Neither does the illustrated part of the Hoegedahl cap structure anticipate the dismountable retainment of the top end of the cap structure solely by the upper covering cap, which in the reference would be formed by the U-shaped member 16, since the reference clearly shows for example, in Fig. 7, retainment by a separate hook member 20 secured to the frame side member below the leg 16a, 16b of the U-shaped member 16.

Thus, the reference clearly does not anticipate or make obvious the use of retainment solely by the upper covering cap at the top end of cap structure, especially with bent hidden engagement means at the bottom end thereof.

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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